

NEWS & NOTES

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LOS ANGELES

The 1959-60 officers of the **Los Angeles Radiological Society**, who were elected in June and will take office September 1, 1959, and serve until September 1, 1960, are as follows: President, Dr. Putnam C. Kennedy; vice-president, Dr. Robert E. Rickenberg; treasurer, Dr. Robert B. Engle; secretary, Dr. Denis C. Adler. Dr. Lewis J. Peha was elected to the executive committee for a three-year term.

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An **Institute of Advanced Learning**, headed by Dr. Morris Fishbein, former editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, is included in the City of Hope's plans for expansion in the next two years. Dr. Fishbein said that the proposed Institute will be organized along the lines of the Institute of Advanced Studies at Princeton and the Institute for Behavioral Sciences at Stanford.

MARIN

Dr. Robert Watkins recently was elected mayor of Belvedere by the city council. Dr. Watkins was vice-mayor and for two meetings was acting mayor after the former incumbent resigned to take a job in Switzerland.

SAN DIEGO

Dr. David B. Carmichael, La Jolla, was elected president of the San Diego County Heart Association at the annual meeting of the association in June.

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Announcement that the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation has established a **division of psychiatric medicine** and appointed Dr. Frederick J. Ziegler to be head of the new department was made recently by the board of trustees. Until his appointment, Dr. Ziegler was a member of the staff of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and School of Medicine.

SAN FRANCISCO

Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco, and the University of California School of Medicine, Berkeley, have received awards of money from the Life Insurance Medical Research fund to support **research work on heart disease** under the direction of members of the staffs of these institutions.

The Mount Zion grant was \$19,800 for research by Dr. Meyer Friedman on the roles of the liver and hyperlipemia in cholesterol metabolism.

The U. C. award was \$39,600 for studies on the development and prevention of arteriosclerosis under the direction of Dr. I. L. Chaikoff.

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Dr. Robert A. Campbell, San Francisco, has been awarded a Wyeth Laboratories pediatric residency fellowship, it was announced by Dr. Philip S. Barba, chairman of the selection committee. Dr. Campbell, who recently completed his internship at Moffitt Hospital, will take his residency at the University of California where he received his undergraduate and medical degrees.

GENERAL

On September 13 the **California Medical Assistants' Association** will hold the first of several Educational Symposia that are planned for various areas in the state in the next few months. The September 13 symposium, the place for which has not yet been selected, will be sponsored by Monterey, Santa Clara, and Salinas chapters. Following are the dates for the rest of the 1959-60 Symposia: September 20, Long Beach, Harbor and Centinella chapters; October 4, San Diego; November 15, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles and San Fernando chapters; January 17, 1960, Orange

Relative Value STUDY, not a schedule

Since its beginning in 1954 the California Medical Association's Relative Value Study has been used, mis-used and abused and, say C.M.A. officials, there ought to be review by all who use it of what the Study is, what it is to be used for, and how it should not be used.

The most common mis-use, consciously or otherwise—premeditated or through lack of information—is to interpret the work as a definite, frozen, official *fee schedule* rather than using it, as originally intended, as a guide to show the relative pecuniary values of various procedures.

The Committee on Fees has proposed the following statements as reminders of the limitations of the Study:

1. The work is properly referred to as the Relative Value Study, not Relative Value Fee Schedule. As stated in the foreword of the second edition which was adopted by the Council on Nov. 10, 1957: "This study in no way sets anyone's fees or anyone's schedule of fees. The Relative Value Study is in no sense a fee schedule."

2. Contrary to any claims that may be made by individuals or insurance companies, no dollar factors have been assigned, designated or suggested by the California Medical Association for private insurance.

3. Units shown for certain surgical procedures do not include complete after-care.

4. Conversion factors that may apply in one section do not necessarily apply to the other sections.

CAN BE USED AS A GUIDE

Section No. 2 of the foreword further explains:

"Health insurance in California today requires fee schedules and indemnity schedules at many different dollar levels. California Physicians' Service needs different fee schedules for different income ceiling plans. Many groups want to buy indemnity insurance that pays benefits approximating the usual fees charged by physicians. Others want adequate protection at a low premium and will accept an element of co-insurance. The Relative Value Study, expressed in units, may be used as a guide in setting any and all of these schedules with widely varying dollar levels but retaining a constant relationship between fees."

County chapter; February 7, 1960, Riverside, San Antonio and San Bernardino chapters; and March 27, Sacramento and Mt. Diablo chapters. Each is to be a one-day meeting open to all medical assistants and persons in allied medical fields. Outstanding speakers and panels of experts are features of the day-long sessions. Further details can be obtained by writing to C.M.A.A. Educational Chairman, Catherine Snodderly, 2359 California Avenue, Carmichael, California.

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The 24th annual congress of the North American Federation, **International College of Surgeons**, will be held in the Palmer House, Chicago, September 13 to 17. The North American Federation covers the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. Further information may be obtained from International College of Surgeons, 1516 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago 10.

Surgical specialties to be represented are: Coloproctologic, neurologic, obstetrics and gynecologic, ophthalmologic, otorhinolaryngologic, orthopedic, urologic, plastic and reconstruction and trauma. There also will be surgical motion pictures, reports on advances in military medicine, and a surgical nurses' program.

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The third annual meeting of the **Medical Society of the United States and Mexico** will be held in Phoenix (at the Valley Ho Hotel, Scottsdale) December 2 to 4, followed by a two-day meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 5 and 6. Scientific sessions are scheduled for December 3, 4 and 5 at the two locations. Further information may be obtained by writing to Drs. Carlos Greth and A. H. Tallakson, convention co-chairmen, 2025 North Central Avenue, Phoenix.

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The next Congress of the **Pan American Medical Association** is planned for Mexico City from May 2 to 11, 1960. The scientific program of the Congress, through its 48 different Medical Sections, will include all branches of medicine and surgery and also a section on dentistry, the announcement of the meeting said.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

THIS BULLETIN of the dates of postgraduate education programs and the meetings of various medical organizations in California is supplied by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities of the California Medical Association. In order that they may be listed here, please send communications relating to your future medical or surgical programs to: Mrs. Margaret H. Griffith, Director, Postgraduate Activities, California Medical Association, 2975 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 5.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Three Summer Seminars at University of California Residential Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead (all fees at Lake Arrowhead include room and board):

Pediatric Cardiology. Sunday through Wednesday, August 16 through 19. Fifteen hours. Fee: \$137.50.†
Guest speaker: John Lind, M.D., Stockholm, Sweden.

† Limited enrollment.

Emotional Problems in Office Practice. Wednesday through Sunday, August 19 through 23. Fifteen hours. Fee: \$150.00.†

Seminars in Internal Medicine. Sunday through Wednesday, August 23 through 26. Fifteen hours. Fee: \$137.50.†

Workshop on In-Service Education Programs. Monday through Thursday, August 17 through 20. Eighteen hours. Fee: \$25.00.

Development and Principles of Industrial Nursing. Thursdays, September 10 through January 28. Forty-five hours. Fee: \$35.00.

Cerebral Palsy. Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15 and 16. Twelve hours. Fee: \$35.00.

Teaching Clinics. Thursdays, September 17 through December 10. Twenty-four hours. Fee: \$50.00. (No meeting November 26.)

Common Problems of the Foot. Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19. Nine hours. Fee: \$35.00.

Industrial Health (Public Health). Tuesdays, September 22 through December 8. Thirty hours. Fee: \$25.00.

Beginning Medical Terminology. Tuesdays, September 22 through February 2 (omit December 22, 29). Forty-five hours. Fee: \$35.00.

Counseling and Placement of Hospital Nursing Personnel. Wednesdays, September 23 through December 9. Thirty hours. Fee: \$25.00.

Public Health Statistics. Wednesdays, September 23 through February 3 (omitting December 23, 30). Forty-five hours. Fee: \$35.00.

Practical Clinical Chemistry for Laboratory Technologists. Wednesdays, September 23 through November 11. Twenty-four hours. Lecture and laboratory fee: \$35.00 plus \$5.00 breakage; lecture only \$20.00.

Medical Terminology: Advanced. Thursdays, September 24 through February 11 (omitting November 26, December 24, 31). Forty-five hours. Fee: \$35.00.

Diagnostic Parasitology (Pomona). Tuesdays, September 24 through December 15. Thirty-six hours. Fee: \$40.00.

Hypertension. Saturday, September 26. Six hours. Fee: \$20.00.

Pathological Physiology of the Cardiovascular System. Mondays, October 5 through December 7. Twenty hours. Fee: \$60.00.

Advanced Clinical Electrocardiography. Tuesdays, October 6 through December 8. Twenty hours. Fee: \$60.00.†

Two-Week Rehabilitation Nursing Workshop. Daily, October 19 through 30. Thirty hours. Fee: \$25.00.

Neuropathology. Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 22 through December 10. Sixteen hours. Fee: \$100.00.

Aviation Medicine. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 28, 29 and 30. Eighteen hours. Fee: \$65.00.

Photomicrography. Mondays, November 2 through December 7. Twelve hours. Fee: \$30.00 plus \$2.00 for manual.

Ear, Nose and Throat. Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14. Twelve hours. Fee: \$60.00.

Diarrhea. Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21. Twelve hours. Fee: \$40.00.